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DATE: September 20, 2002

TO: Legislative Finance Committee

FROM: Taryn Purdy  
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RE: Report on Time Sensitive Budget Change Documents

Sections 17-7-138 and 17-7-139, MCA, require that cumulative operating budget changes (in any budget category) and program transfers of \$25,000 and 25 percent or \$1,000,000 must be brought before the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for review and comment prior to implementation. The statute makes an exception if the requests are of a time sensitive nature. In that event, all proposed changes are submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, who determines if they are of such a nature that the Legislative Finance Committee should be notified.

The attached memorandum from the Office of Budget and Program Planning detailed changes proposed by agencies after the June 2002 meeting of the Legislative Finance Committee. All proposed changes were reviewed by staff, who raised no issues.

The memorandum from the Office of Budget and Program Planning also submitted a report, as required by language in HB 2, on a transfer in the Department of Public Health and Human Services from benefits to operating expenses. Staff will review this transfer prior to the October 3 meeting of the Legislative Finance Committee.

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